

THREE GOOD IDEAS

ONE IS IMPROVEMENT ON EVER POPULAR FUDGE.

Addition of Marshmallows Makes the Confection Delicious—Odd Furnishing for Den—Oysters in Chafing Dish.

Fudge is now as popular as when first introduced several years ago, replacing the favorite chocolate caramels. The expert fudgemaker seldom thinks of measuring her materials, but just guesses at the quantity of sugar, milk, chocolate and butter necessary. It is just before the fudge is done that the additions which give it novelty go in. Nuts are always good. One variety or several kinds mixed may be used. Then there is crystallized ginger cut in small pieces. Another mixture is of marshmallows. For this the following recipe may be used:

One-fourth cake of unsweetened chocolate, two cups of granulated sugar, one cup of milk, one teaspoonful of butter. Boil for five minutes, then take from the fire and pour in a heaping saucerful of marshmallows torn in small bits. Beat until the mixture begins to stiffen, then pour quickly into buttered tins to cool. Another way is to sprinkle the shredded marshmallow on the bottom of the pan, and pour the hot fudge over it. This is convenient when both the marshmallow, nut, and the plain varieties are to be made from the same boiling.

A den seen recently was furnished in black oak and the walls were done in deep red burlap. The trim, including a wooden cornice, was also black. The ceiling was a deep cream, or perhaps more on the buff. The couch was upholstered in linen taffeta to match the walls. There were many pillows in plain red and a few in buff. A plate rail of oak for china and stoves was carried around the room.

On the black oak reading table was an oriental scarf, harmonizing with the walls and the pillows. Upon this rested a wrought-iron lamp with a deep red bowl, and shade of gold-wire cloth. The mantel was ornamented with several old brass candlesticks. About the room were scattered several pieces of old brass which were put to use. A large brass bowl was utilized as a scrap basket.

For luncheon or Sunday night tea oysters may be prepared in the chafing dish at the table. Use a tablespoonful of minced celery. Put it in your blazer with a tablespoonful of butter, a teaspoonful of lemon juice, a little salt, and paprika. When the mixture is thoroughly hot, put in as many oysters as you need and cook them until they are plump. Then add a cupful of cream, and when it has thoroughly heated, serve on hot toast.

Apple Cups.

Sift together one pint of flour, one-half teaspoon of salt, two tablespoons of sugar, one-half teaspoon soda, one teaspoon cream tartar. Beat one egg, add four tablespoons of sweet milk, and stir into the dry mixture, adding more milk as necessary to make a thick batter. Add two tablespoons of butter (melted) and beat hard. Butter some baking cups and put in each a spoonful of the batter. Add one-half apple cup in quarters, add more batter to cover and two-thirds fill the cup. Steam or bake 30 minutes and serve with milk or a sauce.

Preservative for Eggs.

A simple solution of salt and lime is a good preservative for eggs. Put into a stone jar a lump of lime weighing about two pounds. Pour on this one quart of water and stir until lime is broken up; add one gallon of water and one pint of salt. Place the eggs in this jar and keep them well covered with the solution.

Lentil Curry.

Soak over night in cold water one cup of lentils. Wash, cover with fresh water, and cook slowly for two hours. Drain, put two tablespoonfuls of butter into a saucepan; when melted add two onions chopped fine; cook slowly until a golden brown; add a teaspoonful of curry powder, a dash of cayenne, and half a pint of the water in which the lentils were boiled. Add lentils, cook slowly for 20 minutes; add a teaspoonful of salt, the juice of one lemon, and serve with well boiled rice.

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